Network of Lashkar-e-Taiba in Jharkhand

†947. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the media reports about creation of network in a number of cities in Jharkhand by Lashkar-e-Taiba;

(b) whether any details have been received from the State Government in this regard; and

(c) if so, the action being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) The Government of Jharkhand has informed that the West Bengal Police has recently arrested two persons, suspected to be LeT activities, from Jamshedpur district.

(c) The Government pursues a multi-dimensional approach to deal with such terrorist activities and extends support to the States in neutralizing such terrorist modules/activities. In order to curb such activities, the government has taken measures which include strengthening of border management to check infiltration, galvanizing the intelligence machinery, ensuring improved technology, weaponry and equipment of security forces both at the Centre and in the States, neutralizing plans of terrorist/anti-national elements by well coordinated intelligence based operations. Besides, steps have also been taken to achieve bilateral/multi-lateral cooperation to deal with the menace of terrorism, given its global dimensions.

Guidelines regarding telephone tapping

†948. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have issued any direction regarding telephone tapping;

(b) if so, how these directions differ from those already in place; and

(c) the details of the direction in place?

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